

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 3419 - SB 3227

March 4, 2010

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the Commissioner of Health to strive to minimize conflict with local building codes and regard compliance with a local building code as a mitigating factor when assessing penalties for violation of the rules of the Department.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant

Assumptions:

- Currently, it is within the Board for Licensing Health Care Facilities purview to establish the building codes that will be used in reviewing plans and specifications for a facility. Also, the building and life safety regulations adopted by the Board are the exclusive regulations applicable for the licensure and surveying of facilities. The Board has authority to discipline a licensee for a facility's failure to abide by laws and rules.
- The Commissioner will evaluate local building codes for comparison with building standards adopted by the Board and consider compliance with local building codes in each facility survey.
- Any cost can be accommodated within existing resources without an increased appropriation or reduced reversion.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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